

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 334  
By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to recognize Paul Isbell on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Paul Isbell, who has served Tennessee Tech University (TTU) for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Isbell will be taking a much deserved retirement after diligently toiling to improve the lives of the students, faculty, and staff at Tennessee Tech University; and

WHEREAS, serving this great Nation from 1964 to 1985 as a member of the United States Army, Paul Isbell retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in October 1985; and

WHEREAS, assigned to Tennessee Tech University's ROTC program, Mr. Isbell served as the U.S. Army Professor of Military Science from October 1982 to October 1985; he also served as Assistant Director of Placement and Cooperative Education at TTU from October 1, 1985, to February 21, 1986; and

WHEREAS, Paul Isbell worked as the Coordinator for Business Development in the College of Business Administration from February 24, 1986, to June 30, 1990; as Executive Director of University Advancement from July 1, 1990, until January 1, 1999; and, since January 2, 1999, has served currently as Vice President of University Advancement at TTU; and

WHEREAS, obtaining a Bachelors of Science in Mathematics from Jacksonville State University and a Masters of Science in Industrial Engineering from Arizona State University, Paul Isbell completed numerous U. S. Army schools including Airborne, Topographic Engineering, Basic and Advanced Engineering Officer, Post Engineering Management, Army

Installation Management, Defense International Logistics Management, and Command and General Staff College; and

WHEREAS, Paul Isbell directed TTU's first capital campaign, "Building a Foundation for the Future," and he also directed TTU's first campus-wide comprehensive campaign, "Sharing the Vision," which raised 21.5 million dollars, included more than 10,000 donors, and enabled the creation of 100 new scholarships; and

WHEREAS, by increasing TTU's alumni donor count from 2,852 in 1991 to 5,447 in 2004, Mr. Isbell has raised the university's giving expectancy to almost \$23,000,000; and

WHEREAS, Paul Isbell established 424 new endowments since 1994, helping raise TTU's total endowment from \$1 million in 1988 to \$38.8 million in 2004; and

WHEREAS, instrumental in establishing a highly effective liaison with Tennessee's congressional delegation, Paul Isbell was able to garner significant federal support for TTU's School of Nursing and STEM project; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Isbell also formalized the TTU Foundation and developed TTU's first organized marketing effort; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps proudest of the love he shares with his wife, Sandra, and his children, Samatha and Corey; and

WHEREAS, Paul Isbell exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Paul Isbell has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Paul Isbell our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.